

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Moody, D.J. *et al.*

Application No: 10/563,459

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Title: *Process and Intermediates Useful  
in the Preparation of Statins,  
Particularly Atorvastatin*

Art Unit: 1626

Examiner: Loewe, S.J.Y.

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***Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.312***

Dear Examiner Loewe:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.312, the Applicants respectfully request that the claims of the above-referenced patent application be amended as outlined below. The instant amendments render the allowed independent claim more definite, and add new dependent claims that narrow the scope of one or more limitations of the allowed independent claim. No new matter has been added. Therefore, no new search will be required.

**Please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.**